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1. "Hospital Plan for Scotland" (Cmnd. 1602), published in January, 1962 described the Government's plans for hospital building in Scotland for the 10 years up to 1970-71. It was explained in paragraph 4 that the Plan would require to be amended from time to time as experience of hospital building grew and needs changed. Now that the first three years covered by the Plan have elapsed, it is time to report what has been achieved and to record the changes that have been made to the Plan as originally conceived.

2. In the first three years of the Plan, 1961–62 to 1963–64, fourteen major schemes have been completed, and six new or substantially remodelled hospitals and seven other major schemes have been started. Details have been published in the progress reports on hospital building and in answer to Parliamentary Questions.*

3. An increasing amount has been spent on hospital building during the past 3 years: in 1961–62 expenditure was £4.2m.; in 1962–63, it was £5.2m.; and in 1963–64 it is estimated at £6.6m. It is intended to continue this expansion. In carrying the Plan forward to cover the period 1964–65 to 1973–74 capital expenditure of £45 million has been assumed in the first quinquennium, and £60 million in the second, at current prices.

4. The objectives of the Plan and the principles on which it is based have not changed materially; but detailed consideration of individual projects has led to changes in the scope of a number of schemes. Several of the schemes have increased substantially in scope and cost and in consequence some alterations in the timing of other schemes have been necessary. In particular, the provisional starting dates for three of the district general hospitals, at Ayr, Motherwell and Paisley, have been deferred from the end of the first quinquennium (1964-65 to 1968-69) until the following quinquennium. Closer identification of needs has led to the addition of several new schemes. One or two schemes have been abandoned, either because they are no longer necessary or because other schemes have been substituted for them.

5. Appendix I lists schemes which are now included in the programme up to 1973–74 for the first time and Appendix II names three schemes which are no longer necessary or are to be deferred beyond that date. Appendix III lists the schemes which Regional Hospital Boards are now planning to start in the quinquennium 1964-65 to 1968-69. (A few of these are also in Appendix I). It is expected that further schemes yet to be identified will in due course be added to the programme for the period up to 1973-74.

*Hospital Building: Scotland. Progress Reports, H.M.S.O. 1962 Price 8s. 9d.
Official Report: 31st July, 1963 Col. 115; and 20 January, 1964, Col. 102.

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APPENDIX I

Schemes included in the Programme up to 1973-74 for the first time

Gartnavel, Glasgow — New Hospital

A new general hospital is to be built at Gartnavel to provide general hospital services for the western part of the city north of the River Clyde. Initially it will in part be used to house departments from the Western Infirmary so that ground there may be cleared to allow the redevelopment of the Infirmary to continue.

Gartnavel, Glasgow — Geriatric Unit

After the proposed new district general hospital has been built at Gartnavel, a geriatric assessment unit will be added, in place of the proposed unit at Knightswood Hospital formerly envisaged.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh — Geriatric Units

It is proposed to provide 60 additional geriatric beds at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, as the first phase of the overall development of the hospital.

Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow — Rehabilitation Centre

A rehabilitation centre, to be planned in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour, will be provided.

Knightswood Hospital, Glasgow — Central Laundry

This is to be provided to cater for the new hospital development in the Glasgow area.

Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride — General Practitioner Maternity Unit

A 24-bed unit is to be provided.

Cresswell Hospital, Dumfries — Extension

Residential accommodation, a kitchen and dining-rooms are to be provided.

Cowglen Hospital, Glasgow

This hospital is to be converted to provide 178 beds for geriatric and young chronic sick patients.

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy — Central Laundry

This new central laundry is to serve the Fife area.

Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh — Eye Institute

A new eye institute of 72 beds with supporting services is to be provided.

Western General Hospital, Edinburgh — Central Laundry

A new central laundry to serve the new teaching hospital developments in Edinburgh is to be provided at the Western General Hospital.

Murray Royal Hospital, Perth

A new 80-bed pavilion is to be provided.

APPENDIX II

Schemes no longer necessary or deferred beyond 1973-74

Maryfield Hospital, Dundee

Further improvement and enlargement of the existing hospital has been set aside in favour of provision of a second teaching hospital after the completion of the new teaching hospital at Ninewells.

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Woolmanhill, Aberdeen — Development

The proposal to pursue the reconstruction of the unit is in abeyance for the time being.

General Hospital Services, Angus

Consideration of new building for general hospital services in the Angus area is in abeyance.

APPENDIX III

Details of Schemes to be started in the Quinquennium 1964-65 to 1968-69

WESTERN REGION

Glasgow Dental Hospital and School

The Dental Hospital and School is to be substantially increased in size to extend facilities for dental teaching and for specialist dental services.

Southern General Hospital, Glasgow — Maternity Unit

This 140-bed maternity unit is to replace the existing 63-bed unit at this hospital and will increase hospital maternity provision for the south-western part of the city.

Southern General Hospital, Glasgow — Neuro-surgery Unit

A new unit of 135 beds for neuro-surgery and medical neurology will provide a regional service, and will replace out-dated facilities elsewhere.

Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria — Maternity Unit

An 80-bed specialist maternity unit for Dunbartonshire is to be provided at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

Rutherglen — Maternity Unit

A new maternity unit is proposed to be provided at Rutherglen, instead of at the Royal Samaritan Hospital as formerly proposed.

Royal Scottish National Institution, Larbert — Stage III

Two nursing pavilions and a villa are to be built to replace obsolete accommodation at this hospital.

Glasgow Royal Infirmary

A first phase of the redevelopment of this major teaching hospital, the precise content of which has not been finally determined, is to be undertaken.

Canniesburn Hospital, Glasgow — Plastic Surgery Unit

A unit of 138 beds with operating theatres and other supporting facilities will be built to provide a regional service in plastic surgery, and will replace out-dated and inconveniently located facilities elsewhere.

Western Infirmary, Glasgow — Reconstruction

The redevelopment of the Western Infirmary will be commenced, in accordance with revised plans which will not involve such a tall building as those originally proposed. The redevelopment is to be undertaken in three stages and when complete will provide mainly on the present Infirmary site a new teaching hospital of some 850 beds with a full range of diagnostic, treatment and service facilities.

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Gartnavel District General Hospital, Glasgow

This proposed new general hospital is to provide general hospital services for the Western part of the City and its environs north of the River Clyde. The proposed starting date has been advanced to enable it to be built concurrently with the first stage of the redevelopment of the Western Infirmary as initially it will be used in part to house departments from the Western Infirmary so that buildings may be demolished to allow later stages of the redevelopment of the Infirmary to proceed.

Falkirk Royal Infirmary

Further developments are proposed at this hospital, consisting of the provision of new out-patient, X-ray and accident departments.

Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary — Replacement

A new district general hospital is to be built at Dumfries to replace and extend the existing Royal Infirmary, and to permit the re-organisation of general hospital services in the area.

Greenock — New Hospital

A new district general hospital is to be built at Larkfield to provide general hospital services for Greenock and certain neighbouring areas in Renfrewshire, Ayrshire and Bute, and to permit the re-organisation of services in the area.

North Ayrshire — New Hospital

A new district general hospital is to be built in the Kilmarnock area to permit re-organisation of the services for Northern Ayrshire.

Airdrie — New Hospital

A new district hospital is to be built at Airdrie to permit the re-organisation of the services for the area.

Dykebar Hospital, Renfrewshire — Development

This scheme consists of the provision of 240–300 beds to replace existing accommodation and to permit the development of mental hospital services in the area; this is in place of a separate new mental hospital for Renfrewshire.

Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow — Rehabilitation Centre

A rehabilitation centre is to be built which will be planned in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour and will combine industrial and medical rehabilitation.

Knightswood Hospital, Glasgow — Central Laundry

Additional laundry facilities are to be provided in order to cater for the new hospital developments in the Glasgow area.

Hairmyres Hospital, East Kilbride — General Practitioner Maternity Unit

A 24-bed general practitioner maternity unit is to be provided.

Duntocher Hospital, Dunbartonshire — General Practitioner Maternity Unit

A-24 bed general practitioner maternity unit is to be provided.

Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries — Extension

Residential accommodation for staff, and a kitchen and dining-rooms, are to be provided.

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Lightburn Hospital, Glasgow — Alterations

The existing infectious diseases hospital will be demolished and new buildings erected to provide 120 geriatric beds together with accommodation for supporting services.

Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow

Further developments at this hospital will provide new casualty, admission and child health departments, and nurse training accommodation.

Cowglen Hospital, Glasgow

This hospital is to to be converted to provide 178 beds for geriatric and young chronic sick patients.

Islay—New Hospital and Old People's Home

This new unit will replace and extend existing facilities on the island.

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy — Central Laundry

A new central laundry to serve the Fife area, based at the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, is to be provided.

Western General Hospital, Edinburgh — Reconstruction

The redevelopment of this major teaching hospital will be continued with the construction of a new comprehensive out-patient department to be followed by a new maternity unit and later the main in-patient block. Provision will be made for University teaching accommodation to be built into the hospital. A central laundry and central sterile supplies department are also to be constructed.

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh — Reconstruction

It is planned to replace the existing Royal Infirmary with a new teaching hospital of about 800 beds to be built on the existing site. The new hospital will contain an accident centre and out-patient department in addition to the ward block; the teaching accommodation required by the University will be built into the new hospital.

Western General Hospital, Edinburgh—Central Laundry

A central laundry to serve the new teaching hospital developments in Edinburgh is to be provided at the Western General Hospital.

Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh — Eye Institute

A new Eye Institute, providing 72 beds with supporting services, is to be built at Chalmers Hospital.

Lynebank Hospital — Fife

It is planned to provide a new 420-bed mental deficiency hospital near Dunfermline. It will provide a training centre and out-patient clinic.

Plastic Surgery Unit, Edinburgh

A new plastic surgery, oral surgery and burns unit of about 100 beds is to be built on the City Hospital site to serve the Region. It will replace existing unsatisfactory accommodation at Bangour Hospital.

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West Lothian—New Hospital

A district general hospital will be built to serve West Lothian and Livingston New Town.

Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh — Geriatric Units

It is proposed to provide 60 additional geriatric beds at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, as the first phase of the overall development of the hospital.

EASTERN REGION

Stracathro Hospital, Brechin

Alterations and additions, including the provision of new psychiatric and maternity units, will be carried out at this hospital.

Perth Royal Infirmary

It is proposed to extend the maternity department of this hospital.

Murray Royal Hospital, Perth

A new 80-bed pavilion is to be provided.

Bridge of Earn Hospital

Alterations and additions to this hospital are proposed.

NORTH-EASTERN REGION

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary — Extension Stage II

The second phase of this extension programme will provide a ward block of some 230 beds and will include University teaching accommodation.

Fraserburgh — New Hospital

This new hospital will include both in-patient and out-patient accommodation.

Ladysbridge, Banff

The continuation of the development of this hospital will include the construction of new hospital buildings, and the reconstruction of the existing main block.

NORTHERN REGION

Mental Deficiency Hospital, Inverness

A new mental deficiency hospital will be built to serve the Region, some 230 places to be provided in the first instance.

Inverness — New Hospital

The first stage will include the provision of the out-patient department, laboratories, administrative offices and ancillary accommodation. This will be followed by a second phase completing the new general hospital.

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